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NEW JERSEY RACING COMMISSION

Horse Racing

Fines

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Frank Zanzuccki, Executive Director

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Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

COMMENT:

Barbara Sachau of New Jersey is in agreement with raising fines and suggested that the fine level should be \$150,000 with the revenues being placed in a fund to establish a retirement home for old racing horses so the horses are not sent to slaughterhouses.

RESPONSE:

Not accepted. While the Racing Commission recognizes Ms. Sachau's comments in support of the increased penalties, a maximum fine of \$150,000 is considered excessive and the fine revenue has been legislatively determined to accrue to the benefit of the Backstretch Benevolence Program.